

MULLEN TO TUCKER

TO THE PUBLIC:---

In following the general plan of evasion not to answer direct questions as to the failure in his record, the Tucker opposition in Sunday's Ardmoreite seeks to hide behind another straw man. It seems that my brother Val asked a Mr. Seagroves for his support, and asked him to quit his work and go to the polls to do what he could in this direction. This gentleman runs a store at Bowles and my brother has been in this store often, as the latter has some property in the neighborhood to the west.

Since running a store is to Mr. Seagroves a matter of first importance, and he runs it alone, what right has Val to take him from his work without proposing to pay a man to stay in his place? To have acted to the contrary would have been selfish and presumptuous. This is what he proposed to do, no more, no less. To have an effective, cohesive organization in political affairs, social affairs, military affairs--- in world affairs, is essential to success in the larger way. To have an effective friend to assist you is as old as democratic government.

But since the Tucker people seek to make so much of this, it may be said in passing that a well-known man in this town told me in confidence, **THAT THE BROTHER OF FRED TUCKER OFFERED HIM A HORSE FOR HIS INFLUENCE.**

GEO. TERRY STATES THAT MR. TUCKER HIMSELF OFFERED TO PAY HIS EXPENSES AND BY THE DAYS WORK IF HE WOULD GO TO SULPHUR.

BURRELL WILLINGHAM AT WILSON, A CONSIDERABLE LITTLE TOWN TO THE WEST OF US, STATES THAT HE IS GETTING FIFTY DOLLARS FROM FRED FOR HIS WORK AT THAT BOX ALONE.

These instances could be multiplied, but what is the use? It serves no good purpose. The public is wearied with such trivial matters. Every candidate is so far as he can trying to enlist the support of others to assist him at the polls.

What the public wishes to know is:

Why is Mr. Tucker so weak that during the time that he has been in office that save one little appropriation bill, he is not the sole author of a bill that became a law.

The records show that the last session of the legislature, (I have not examined with care the others) that he was absent speculating in Indian land leases more than one-third of the time, receiving pay for absence when twenty-five per cent of the business of the senate was considered.

Cease evasion and answer.

The public wishes to know, Mr. Tucker, why you should be returned to office possibly further to violate their confidence and good will.

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